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**Telemundo52: Food Forward provides food to low-income communities in Southern California.**

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**English transcript:**

Speaker: Telemundo52 and NBC4 along with Comcast NBC Universal Foundation awarded a total of \$315,000 in innovation project grants to five non-profit organizations. One of the recipients is Food Forward, an organization committed to fighting hunger.

Let's learn more about them.

Mauricio: Food Forward has had a great impact on the community.

Speaker: Food Forward has been putting food on the tables of residents in twelve California counties since 2009, recovering fruits and vegetables that would have gone to waste from gardens, public orchards or markets.

Mauricio: Food Forward rescues an average of 250,000 pounds of food that feed about 150,000 people every day.

Speaker: The Produce Recovery Program provides an organized donation system to fight hunger. Recovered produce is donated to more than 340 hunger relief agencies in Southern California.

Mauricio: Antonio, can you hear me? Please go to the Tijuana Produce warehouse to pick up five pallets of papaya.

Speaker: During the pandemic, Food Forward faced many challenges. They needed to collect more fresh fruits and vegetables for donation.

When the pandemic hit, this... our work, it became more important. Because many people stopped working and, economically, they didn't have enough to survive. So, our workload increased. And thanks to that, we continue being on the same level.

Speaker: By recycling this food, the organization also supports a healthier environment, greater economic resilience and more equitable communities.

Mauricio: This organization has left a significant footprint. It has gone as far as to have programs dedicated to finding volunteers to give back to the community.



Speaker: And for more information about the winning organizations in Project and Innovation, please visit the website [www.telemundo52.com/comunidad](http://www.telemundo52.com/comunidad).